

previous state then a Tennessee learner permit is the only thing that may be issued. The minor must hold a valid permit for a total of 180 days and have attained the age of 16 before being eligible for the Intermediate Restricted License Class D.

- The length of time the minor has held the permit in the previous state may be included in the required 180 day period as long as the minor can provide a certified driving record from the previous state:
  1. Issued within the 30 days immediately preceding the date of Tennessee application and,
  2. Showing a clear driving record with absolutely no violations or accidents on their record. If there are any violations on the previous state record the minor will be required to obtain the Tennessee Learner Permit until the driving record can be reviewed by the Driver Improvement Section to see if the record complies with the “less than 6 points” requirement of Tennessee law.

If the minor is age 16 and holds a valid license (regular, provisional, probationary, graduated, etc.) from the previous state that has been issued for 90 days or more they may apply for an Intermediated Restricted license only.

- If the minor has held the out-of-state license for LESS than 90 days an Intermediate Restricted License may NOT be issued unless a clear driving record from the previous state is provided confirming:
  1. A valid learner permit and/or license class has been held for a combined period of not less than 180 days. (i.e. GA permit held for 120 days + GA license held for 60 days = 180 days total).
  2. NO violations or accidents on the driving record, if any violations on the record then the applicant may only be issued a learner permit, until the previous state record can be reviewed and evaluated by the Driver Improvement Section to see if it complies with the “less than 6 points” requirement of Tennessee law.

Regardless of the length of time the minor has carried the license in the previous state they will be required to hold the **Tennessee** Intermediate Restricted license for a full year before qualifying for the second level GDL.

- If the minor has graduated from high school or received their GED prior to turning 18 they may apply for the regular Class D operator’s license as described previously.

## Features of The GDL Photo License

(See next page for examples) All GDL levels will have the photo on the right side of the license and a yellow header bar.

Some of the features of the licenses issued to minors under GDL include:

- **Learner Permits** will have a red color coded Tennessee state imprint indicating GDL in the lower left corner.
  - A minor who is issued a learner permit will be given a “restriction card” to carry along with the permit that explains the restrictions and requirements to advance to

the first level of the Class D license under the GDL Program. An example is shown on page 18.

- **Both levels of the Intermediate License issued** under the GDL program will show the license class as Class D as well as having the words INTERMEDIATE DRIVER LICENSE displayed in the yellow header bar on the front of the license. New Tennessee shaped designations on the face of the license document will indicate at which level the license holder currently is under the GDL Program. Yellow indicates 1st level Intermediate Restricted and Green will indicate Level 2 the Intermediate Unrestricted.
  - A minor who is issued the first level **Intermediate Restricted (IR)** Class D will also be given a “restriction card” to carry along with the license that explains the restrictions and requirements to advance to the second level of the Class D license under the GDL Program. An example is shown on next page.
  - A minor who is issued the second level **Intermediate Unrestricted (IU)** Class D will not be issued any special cards as there are not any restrictions upon their driving at this level of the GDL Program.

## Additional Requirements for Minors

### Minor/Teenage Affidavits

Applicants not yet eighteen years old must have an adult sign a Minor/Teenage Affidavit and Cancellation form, available at all driver license stations. This form confirms that the adult signing the form joins in the application for the license and will be responsible for the actions of the minor driver. It must be signed by a parent, a step-parent living at the same address as the applicant, legal guardian, or a grandparent authorized by the parent, step-parent or guardian.

If adults cannot accompany the minor to the driver license station to sign the form, it may be picked up ahead of time and signed before a notary public.

If the grandparent is assuming financial responsibility for the youth, the grandparent must bring a notarized statement authorizing this, signed by the parent, step-parent, custodian or guardian, as appropriate. The statement is not on a department form, but should be in the following general format:

“I do hereby authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of grandparent)  
to sign for a driver license for \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name and relationship of adult granting authorization)  
(Notary certificate)

- If a minor applies for a different class of license (such as motorcycle) the parents or legal guardian will be required to sign a second teenage affidavit for that license type.

### Proof of School Attendance/Progress

Applicants under the age of 18 must prove they are either enrolled in or have already graduated from high school. Acceptable proof of this status must be provided to the examiner in one of the following methods:

Unsafe driving incidents or violations that could result in the suspension or automatic downgrade of license level under The GDL Program are outlined in the following table:

GDL Penalties (Table: 3.1)			
Incident	After PD Issued	After Intermediate Restricted Issued	After Intermediate Unrestricted Issued
(a) Six or more points on driving record	Requires the applicant to continue to hold the learner permit for an additional time period until they are able to maintain a record with less than 6 points for 180 consecutive days	Adds 90 days to the minimum 1 year teen required to hold Intermediate Restricted (Total = 1 year & 3 months)	If any of the violations listed in (a), (b), (c) or (d) occurred during the time the teen had an Intermediate Restricted license, but the DOS did not receive notice from the court until <i>after</i> we had already issued the teen an Intermediate Unrestricted license, <b>the penalties in the preceding column will still apply.</b> The teen will be “dropped back” to an Intermediate Restricted license for 90 days.
(b) Contributing to the occurrence of an accident	N/A	Adds 90 days to the minimum 1 year teen required to hold Intermediate Restricted (Total = 1 year & 3 months)	
(c) Conviction of a 2nd Seatbelt violation	N/A	N/A Adds 90 days to the minimum 1 year teen required to hold Intermediate Restricted (Total = 1 year & 3 months)	
(d) Conviction of a 2nd Moving violation	N/A	Requires completion of a certified driver education course	
(e) Forged letter of parental approval	N/A	Revocation of Intermediate Restricted and Re-issuance of a Learner Permit only until teen reaches the age of 18	If DOS notified <i>after</i> Intermediate Unrestricted issued, <b>teen’s Intermediate privileges will still be revoked and a Learner Permit re-issued until the 18th birthday.</b>
(f) Contributing to the occurrence of a fatal accident	Must maintain a Learner Permit only until teen reaches the age of 18	Revocation of Intermediate Restricted and Re-issuance of a Learner Permit only until teen reaches the age of 18	Revocation of Intermediate Unrestricted and Re-issuance of a Learner Permit only until teen reaches the age of 18

1. If graduated the applicant must **bring their original high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate** with them when they apply (no photo copies).
2. If still enrolled in a Tennessee school the applicant needs to **ask their school to complete a Certificate of Compulsory School Attendance (Form SF1010) and take the original part of this form with them to a driver license station.** This form is valid for only one month (30 days) from the date of signing by the school official.
  - During the traditional summer vacation months a properly completed SF1010 form signed within the last 30 days of the school year will be accepted throughout the summer until 30 days after the start of the following school year (i.e. signed in May accepted through Aug/Sept approximately).
3. If the applicant is enrolled in school outside of Tennessee (or in an approved private or church school in Tennessee without access to the SF1010 forms) they must provide a statement from the school principal or headmaster **on official school letterhead specifically confirming that the applicant is not truant and is making satisfactory progress in their school classes.**
  - Grade cards or school transcripts are not acceptable as proof of compliance with this law. Due to the various grading scales, evaluation of excused / unexcused

absences and other factors that differ from school system to school system the Driver License personnel are not authorized to interpret the information in these documents. It is the responsibility of the school system or Department of Education to confirm the applicants eligibility and of the applicant to provide satisfactory documentation of this eligibility as required by the Department of Safety.

4. If the applicant is being **Home Schooled the documentation required is as follows:**
  - **Letter from the Superintendent’s Office** in the county of the applicant’s legal residence confirming that the parent has registered their “intent to home school” with the County School System.
  - **Verification of Home School Enrollment (Form SF-1193)** signed and completed by the parent or legal guardian of the applicant affirming the attendance and satisfactory progress of the applicant in the home school courses. Generally home schooling is conducted by the parent/guardian and thus they have the responsibility to confirm this eligibility same as the regular school teacher or principal.
5. Tennessee Department of Education does **NOT** recognize completion of Internet or “correspondence school” courses and thus documentation from these sources would NOT be